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## COMMUNIST TACTICS BEATEN

### Koreans Brave Violence To Vote Nearly Complete Poll Taken

Seoul, Korea, May 10.  
Hours before the polling boxes were due to close in south Korea today, it was apparent that the Communists had been utterly defeated in their efforts to destroy the election.

Despite widespread acts of violence raging from bomb outrages in the town of Kaosong, near the Russian-American border, to mass attacks on polling booths, elsewhere through the country, millions of Korean men and women turned out to vote.

Early this afternoon in Seoul, it was estimated that 92 per cent of eligible registered voters had already cast their votes.

Throughout the day, police reports of terrorist violence and attempted intimidation flowed in from Seoul but there was little evidence of violence in the city itself.

Women, carrying children on their backs, joined their husbands in the long lines at the polling booths and quietly recorded their votes.

Lieutenant-General Hodges, Commander-in-Chief of the American forces in south Korea, told Reuters-AAP that all reports had been most satisfactory. The capture of the Communist plans to upset the election had enabled the police authorities to take adequate steps to prevent mass terrorist activities on a widespread scale, he said.

The General emphasised, however, that the Communists were certain to attempt to destroy the ballot boxes tonight when they are taken from polling booths to the central counting centres.

**Bombs Thrown**

Because of the Communists' attempt to destroy all internal communications in south Korea at the weekend, full reports of incidents from outlying areas may not be available until tomorrow. Earlier reports indicated that the worst violence had occurred at Kaosong and at Taegu, a central town where Communists have recently been reported to be active.

**Solution For Germany**

The Hague, May 10.  
The Political Committee of the Congress of Europe today adopted a resolution calling for the integration of Germany into a federated Europe as the "only true solution of the economic and political problem" of that occupied country.

The resolution, which will come up for consideration at the plenary session later today, also asked for the convening, as a matter of urgency, of the European Assembly elected by the Parliaments of the participating nations.

It stressed it was the duty of European nations to create an economic and political union in order to assure security and social order.

The Committee approved the three-power note of March, 1946, on Spain calling for an interim government under which Spaniards may have a chance to determine their own type of government.

"A government of this character could re-establish democracy in Spain—the only way in which Spain can participate in the unity of Europe," said the Committee.

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### Identity Cards

Canton, May 9.  
The Chinese press describes as "premature" reports that Chinese in Canton will be required to take out identification cards before June 1st.

These reports also stated that Chinese proceeding to Canton from Hong Kong will be asked to produce identification cards before being permitted to land.—Reuters.

### Piracy Loot Partly Recovered

Part of the HK\$2,000,000 loot—clothing, jewellery, wrist-watches, and Hong Kong and Singapore currency—stolen during the 15-hour piracy of the "Van Heutsz" on December 14-15, has been recovered by the Police.

The police yesterday made a public request to victims of the piracy who might now be in Hong Kong to call at the office of the Criminal Investigation Department at the Water Police Station or to communicate by letter with the Director of Criminal Investigation, Police Headquarters, Oriental Building.

A government spokesman added yesterday that the police are also anxious to contact persons who had dealings or communications, directly or indirectly, with go-betweens representing the kidnappers in the matter of ransom negotiations.

Of the six hostages taken off the "Van Heutsz", three have been released. The fate of the remaining three is still unknown.

Part of the loot was recovered in Hong Kong following the arrest of seven men alleged to have been involved in the piracy.

### Carried Hong Kong Stowaways

Singapore, May 10.  
Convicted of bringing 21 stowaways from Hong Kong to Singapore, Captain J. Eliot, Norwegian master of the Kooka, Peng, was fined \$6,300 (Straits) or nine months' rigorous imprisonment in default in a police court here.

The captain, whose vessel arrived here on April 30, said he was the only European officer on board and that he was unaware of the presence of the stowaways.—Associated Press.

### DECISIVE BATTLE FOR MUKDEN LOOMS

Nanking, May 10.  
Five powerful Communist columns are converging on Mukden in what the Government's military spokesman called "prelude to a decisive battle for the city."

Red Commander Lin Piao suddenly marched his Sixth and Seventh Columns southward from Ilung, 35 miles south of Changchun, while units of two other Communist columns—identified as the Ninth and 11th—began to concentrate from points on the Peiping-Mukden railroad for a move southward.

Pro-Government reports said the Nationalist Air Force commenced the heaviest Manchurian operations in weeks, bombing and strafing Communist supply lines both north and south.

Some observers estimated the total Communist strength concentrated against Mukden at nearly 500,000 men, probably three times the number of troops remaining within Mukden's defenses area.

There still was no positive information whether the Reds finally were opening direct assault on Mukden, or whether the new troop movement was made for the purpose of hiding a drive against more vulnerable Government positions further south.

**Foreign Missionaries**  
Along the Soviet-Manchurian border, Communist General Chen Kiang

### Rebuilding Of Japan Assailed

Manila, May 10.  
The morning newspaper, Manila Times, which has the largest circulation among Philippine dailies, today strongly assailed advocates of rebuilding of Japan as a barrier to Communism.

In an editorial entitled "Sir Thomas and Tomaduchi," the Times said: "Prejudice, ignorance or deliberate refusal to know has never been so fully demonstrated as in the statement published in Adelaide by Sir Thomas Blamey, wartime Australian commander-in-chief."

"Sir Thomas insists that Japan must be built up as a barrier against the spread of Communism but not as a world power. He insists Japan could never in 50 years become the military power she was in 1941. But if it is true Japan cannot become a military power, then what money, the laudable industry of Suzuki-san, who will work from dawn to sundown in his own factories—or on the land and in the factories of other people if he can grab them."

"This movement has even enlisted the cooperation of great news agencies."—United Press.

### Yugoslav Claims Rejected

London, May 10.  
Britain has declared her final opposition to Yugoslav claims to Austrian territory and to reparations. It was authoritative-ly learned here today.

In a letter to the Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministers' conference, the British deputy, Mr. James Marjoribanks, also made it clear that Britain was not prepared to bargain on the subject with the Soviet Union, which considers the Yugoslav claims legitimate.

A complete deadlock on the subject was reached at the last deputies' meeting—the 110th—last Thursday.

The letter places Britain squarely on the side of the United States, whose deputy, Mr. Samuel Hieber, stated on Thursday that as the next chairman, he would not call a further meeting of the deputies unless fresh proposals were submitted, accepting the principles that the Australian frontier remained those of 1938 and that she did not pay reparations.

Observers believed that the chances of resumed talks on Austria would depend entirely on Russian readiness to make concessions on the Yugoslav claims.—Reuters.

### Truman Seizes Railroads

Washington, May 10.  
President Truman will take over railroads in the United States at noon today.

The White House announced that the President will issue a U.S. government seizure order at that hour. Three railroad operating unions—engineers, firemen and switchmen—have called a nationwide strike for tomorrow.

The announcement said: "The Government's hope and expectation is that the men will not strike against the Government."

The decision to seize the rail lines was reached after almost continuous conferences since last Friday failed to break the deadlock between the union and the lines over wages and operating rules.—Associated Press.

### PICTURE OF THE DAY

#### Mounties At Mosley



Mounted police clearing a section of a crowd which created a disturbance at a meeting held by Sir Oswald Mosley in the East End. As a result of the tension, the Home Secretary has banned all political assemblies in London for an indefinite period. (A.P. Photo)

## EGYPTIANS APPROPRIATE "FIRST INSTALMENT" FOR PALESTINE ATTACK

Cairo, May 9.  
Official sources today said the Cabinet had postponed all regular discharges from the Army and appropriated £4,000,000 to finance fighting in Palestine.

The sources said the postponement of Army discharges was effective "until the situation has been restored to normal".

The National Defence Minister, Mohamed Haidar Pasha, said it was "only the first instalment". He said Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashi Pasha had agreed to arrange for other preparations for future war in Palestine.

The appropriation will be used principally "to face expenditure necessitated by the stationing of Egyptian forces on the Palestine border."

**Emergency Mayor**  
At Lake Success United Nations circles reported that a British bank manager will likely become the U.N. "emergency mayor" for Jerusalem.

He is A.P.S. Clark, manager of the Jerusalem branch of Barclays Bank and a resident of Palestine for over 20 years.

The Arabs and Jews were reported to have agreed on Clark as the most satisfactory of several men being considered secretly here and in Jerusalem for the job of trying to run Jerusalem after Britain ends its mandate next Saturday.

Andrew W. Cordier, executive assistant to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, said final announcement of the man picked for the job would be made in Jerusalem by Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner for Palestine.

Jewish sources said 500 Haganah Commandos opened an attack at sunset yesterday on Arab strongholds in another attempt to open the vital Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway.

The Jewish militia fighters, the sources said, assaulted Arab held heights overlooking Bab el Wad and launched an attack on the Arab village of Beit Mashir, 10 miles west of Jerusalem and one of the Arabs' most important bases in the Judean Hills area.

Beit Mashir is two miles south of the highway and is the chief base for Arabs who have choked off the road with gun posts, mines, craters and roadblocks.

## Gets The Huff--Takes His Million To USA

Birmingham, May 10.  
An Indian industrialist, who came to the heavy industry section of the British Industries Fair here, and was prepared to buy £1,000,000 worth of machinery, left today to catch the first plane to America to spend the money there.

The industrialist, Mr. K. N. Modi, Director and General Manager of the Modi Industries in the United Provinces, which control 14 associated firms producing chemicals, electrical goods, textiles, paints, sugar and flour, said that Britain will lose all her Indian trade for capital goods because she is unable to give any kind of delivery date and not willing to quote fixed prices.

He told Reuters after visiting the fair today, "I came here with the intention of spending £1,000,000 or more on British textile, electrical equipment and power presses. Every manufacturer of these goods says that he is unable to give me a delivery date or a fixed price."

Mr. Modi added that he had contacted an American firm of manufacturers who had promised the delivery of the same equipments within six months at fixed prices.

**Stipulation**  
They had also included a stipulation in the contract, agreeing to pay him compensation at the rate of £2,000 a week if they did not deliver within six months.

An order placed with a British firm in 1946 for the supply of electric motors was still unfilled, Mr. Modi said, though he had been promised delivery in a year.

He had visited this firm's stand at the fair and found them still unable to quote "a firm delivery date."

**CHIANG ATTEMPTING TO CURB INFLATION**  
Nanking, May 10.  
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek held an emergency meeting with Finance Minister O. K. Yui today to draft measures to try to curb soaring commodity prices as the value of CN\$10,000 dropped to an equivalent of one U.S. cent.

Government financial experts frankly admitted there was little or no hope of turning back prices except for the most brief period and said they would be content if they could merely slow up the rate of increase which has been 100 per cent in the past 30 days.

The \$1,000 notes have disappeared from circulation and the \$5,000 notes are becoming rare and even the \$10,000 notes are rising beyond their usefulness.

Officials in the Finance Ministry attributed the rapid jump in prices during the past two months to the following factors:

(1) The inevitable process of self-acceleration.

(2) Rumours spread by speculators, particularly the old stand-bys, that the government is getting ready to permit free foreign exchange.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPASSE**  
Nanking, May 10.  
China's new Constitutional Legislative Yuan started its four months of regular sessions today without indication of a settlement of the inter-party battle started by the election of its members last December.

Yuan members from both the Young China and Democratic Socialists abstained from participation in the legislative session in protest against their failure to obtain the number of seats promised them in a pre-election agreement with the Kuomintang.

Leaders of both minority parties left for Shanghai, where party meetings will be held tomorrow to determine whether both will withdraw from the coalition Government.

With 346 members present, less than half its authorised strength, the Yuan selected a sub-committee of 60 members to draft rules of procedure.

Plans for the election of the new Yuan President were scheduled to be decided tomorrow.—Associated Press.

### LOCOS FOR HONG KONG

Kuala Lumpur, May 9.  
East Africa's railways soon will have the service of eight 40-ton locomotives which helped to give Malaya its first railway service after the Japanese occupation.

The locomotives have been loaded aboard the Benabach for shipment to Dar-es-Salaam. The ship on her outward trip from Britain had carried 22 locomotives for Shanghai and four 40-ton locomotives for Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

### Suitcase Of Jewels Stolen

An imitation leather suitcase, marked with the initials A.F.N.M., containing a quantity of gold, platinum, and precious stones ornaments and ladies' and children's clothing, valued at approximately \$10,000, was reported as having been stolen from the Star Ferry Wharf, Hong Kong, at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Havana, Cuba, May 9.  
Three factory workmen were stabbed fatally in a clash between Communist and Anti-Communist elements at Marianao park today.—Associated Press.

### The Weather

A deepening depression centered over the Eastern Sea is moving E towards Kyushu. It is connected to the depression over Xuzhou by a trough of low pressure across S China. A ridge of high pressure covers N China and a weak ridge of high pressure from the anticyclone centered SE off Okinawa covers the South China Sea.

Today's Forecast: Light to moderate S winds, becoming moderate NE, clouds with thundery rain and showers developing towards dawn, improving in late afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather:  
Maximum: 81.3 deg. Fah.  
Minimum: 73.3 deg. Fah.  
Rainfall: 6.4 inches.  
Rainfall: 6.4 inches.

Jan. 1-24.9; Jan. 25-31.1; Feb. 1-2.1; Feb. 2-9.1; Feb. 3-11.1; Feb. 4-12.1; Feb. 5-13.1; Feb. 6-14.1; Feb. 7-15.1; Feb. 8-16.1; Feb. 9-17.1; Feb. 10-18.1; Feb. 11-19.1; Feb. 12-20.1; Feb. 13-21.1; Feb. 14-22.1; Feb. 15-23.1; Feb. 16-24.1; Feb. 17-25.1; Feb. 18-26.1; Feb. 19-27.1; Feb. 20-28.1; Feb. 21-29.1; Feb. 22-30.1; Feb. 23-31.1; Feb. 24-32.1; Feb. 25-33.1; Feb. 26-34.1; Feb. 27-35.1; Feb. 28-36.1; Feb. 29-37.1; Feb. 30-38.1; Feb. 31-39.1; Mar. 1-40.1; Mar. 2-41.1; Mar. 3-42.1; Mar. 4-43.1; Mar. 5-44.1; Mar. 6-45.1; Mar. 7-46.1; Mar. 8-47.1; Mar. 9-48.1; Mar. 10-49.1; Mar. 11-50.1; Mar. 12-51.1; Mar. 13-52.1; Mar. 14-53.1; Mar. 15-54.1; Mar. 16-55.1; Mar. 17-56.1; Mar. 18-57.1; Mar. 19-58.1; Mar. 20-59.1; Mar. 21-60.1; Mar. 22-61.1; Mar. 23-62.1; Mar. 24-63.1; Mar. 25-64.1; Mar. 26-65.1; Mar. 27-66.1; Mar. 28-67.1; Mar. 29-68.1; Mar. 30-69.1; Mar. 31-70.1; Apr. 1-71.1; Apr. 2-72.1; Apr. 3-73.1; Apr. 4-74.1; Apr. 5-75.1; Apr. 6-76.1; Apr. 7-77.1; Apr. 8-78.1; Apr. 9-79.1; Apr. 10-80.1; Apr. 11-81.1; Apr. 12-82.1; Apr. 13-83.1; Apr. 14-84.1; Apr. 15-85.1; Apr. 16-86.1; Apr. 17-87.1; Apr. 18-88.1; Apr. 19-89.1; Apr. 20-90.1; Apr. 21-91.1; Apr. 22-92.1; Apr. 23-93.1; Apr. 24-94.1; Apr. 25-95.1; Apr. 26-96.1; Apr. 27-97.1; Apr. 28-98.1; Apr. 29-99.1; Apr. 30-100.1; May 1-101.1; May 2-102.1; May 3-103.1; May 4-104.1; May 5-105.1; May 6-106.1; May 7-107.1; May 8-108.1; May 9-109.1; May 10-110.1; May 11-111.1; May 12-112.1; May 13-113.1; May 14-114.1; May 15-115.1; May 16-116.1; May 17-117.1; May 18-118.1; May 19-119.1; May 20-120.1; May 21-121.1; May 22-122.1; May 23-123.1; May 24-124.1; May 25-125.1; May 26-126.1; May 27-127.1; May 28-128.1; May 29-129.1; May 30-130.1; May 31-131.1; Jun 1-132.1; Jun 2-133.1; Jun 3-134.1; Jun 4-135.1; Jun 5-136.1; Jun 6-137.1; Jun 7-138.1; Jun 8-139.1; Jun 9-140.1; Jun 10-141.1; Jun 11-142.1; Jun 12-143.1; Jun 13-144.1; Jun 14-145.1; Jun 15-146.1; Jun 16-147.1; Jun 17-148.1; Jun 18-149.1; Jun 19-150.1; Jun 20-151.1; Jun 21-152.1; Jun 22-153.1; Jun 23-154.1; Jun 24-155.1; Jun 25-156.1; Jun 26-157.1; Jun 27-158.1; Jun 28-159.1; Jun 29-160.1; Jun 30-161.1; Jul 1-162.1; Jul 2-163.1; Jul 3-164.1; Jul 4-165.1; Jul 5-166.1; Jul 6-167.1; Jul 7-168.1; Jul 8-169.1; Jul 9-170.1; Jul 10-171.1; Jul 11-172.1; Jul 12-173.1; Jul 13-174.1; Jul 14-175.1; Jul 15-176.1; Jul 16-177.1; Jul 17-178.1; Jul 18-179.1; Jul 19-180.1; Jul 20-181.1; Jul 21-182.1; Jul 22-183.1; Jul 23-184.1; Jul 24-185.1; Jul 25-186.1; Jul 26-187.1; Jul 27-188.1; Jul 28-189.1; Jul 29-190.1; Jul 30-191.1; Jul 31-192.1; Aug 1-193.1; Aug 2-194.1; Aug 3-195.1; Aug 4-196.1; Aug 5-197.1; Aug 6-198.1; Aug 7-199.1; Aug 8-200.1; Aug 9-201.1; Aug 10-202.1; Aug 11-203.1; Aug 12-204.1; Aug 13-205.1; Aug 14-206.1; Aug 15-207.1; Aug 16-208.1; Aug 17-209.1; Aug 18-210.1; Aug 19-211.1; Aug 20-212.1; Aug 21-213.1; Aug 22-214.1; Aug 23-215.1; Aug 24-216.1; Aug 25-217.1; Aug 26-218.1; Aug 27-219.1; Aug 28-220.1; Aug 29-221.1; Aug 30-222.1; Aug 31-223.1; Sep 1-224.1; Sep 2-225.1; Sep 3-226.1; Sep 4-227.1; Sep 5-228.1; Sep 6-229.1; Sep 7-230.1; Sep 8-231.1; Sep 9-232.1; Sep 10-233.1; Sep 11-234.1; Sep 12-235.1; Sep 13-236.1; Sep 14-237.1; Sep 15-238.1; Sep 16-239.1; Sep 17-240.1; Sep 18-241.1; Sep 19-242.1; Sep 20-243.1; Sep 21-244.1; Sep 22-245.1; Sep 23-246.1; Sep 24-247.1; Sep 25-248.1; Sep 26-249.1; Sep 27-250.1; Sep 28-251.1; Sep 29-252.1; Sep 30-253.1; Sep 31-254.1; Oct 1-255.1; Oct 2-256.1; Oct 3-257.1; Oct 4-258.1; Oct 5-259.1; Oct 6-260.1; Oct 7-261.1; Oct 8-262.1; Oct 9-263.1; Oct 10-264.1; Oct 11-265.1; Oct 12-266.1; Oct 13-267.1; Oct 14-268.1; Oct 15-269.1; Oct 16-270.1; Oct 17-271.1; Oct 18-272.1; Oct 19-273.1; Oct 20-274.1; Oct 21-275.1; Oct 22-276.1; Oct 23-277.1; Oct 24-278.1; Oct 25-279.1; Oct 26-280.1; Oct 27-281.1; Oct 28-282.1; Oct 29-283.1; Oct 30-284.1; Oct 31-285.1; Nov 1-286.1; Nov 2-287.1; Nov 3-288.1; Nov 4-289.1; Nov 5-290.1; Nov 6-291.1; Nov 7-292.1; Nov 8-293.1; Nov 9-294.1; Nov 10-295.1; Nov 11-296.1; Nov 12-297.1; Nov 13-298.1; Nov 14-299.1; Nov 15-300.1; Nov 16-301.1; Nov 17-302.1; Nov 18-303.1; Nov 19-304.1; Nov 20-305.1; Nov 21-306.1; Nov 22-307.1; Nov 23-308.1; Nov 24-309.1; Nov 25-310.1; Nov 26-311.1; Nov 27-312.1; Nov 28-313.1; Nov 29-314.1; Nov 30-315.1; Dec 1-316.1; Dec 2-317.1; Dec 3-318.1; Dec 4-319.1; Dec 5-320.1; Dec 6-321.1; Dec 7-322.1; Dec 8-323.1; Dec 9-324.1; Dec 10-325.1; Dec 11-326.1; Dec 12-327.1; Dec 13-328.1; Dec 14-329.1; Dec 15-330.1; Dec 16-331.1; Dec 17-332.1; Dec 18-333.1; Dec 19-334.1; Dec 20-335.1; Dec 21-336.1; Dec 22-337.1; Dec 23-338.1; Dec 24-339.1; Dec 25-340.1; Dec 26-341.1; Dec 27-342.1; Dec 28-343.1; Dec 29-344.1; Dec 30-345.1; Dec 31-346.1.



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# MAGISTRATE RULES THAT POLICE DEFENDANTS HAVE A CASE TO ANSWER

The defendants had a case to answer, Mr. F. X. d'Almada ruled after hearing the defence submissions and the prosecution's case against Sub-Inspector N. A. Clarke, Det. P.C. Lau Hoi-nam and P.C. Chan Po-wah, at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, for the unlawful detention and assault against Kwan Shing, a rice shop foki.

The Magistrate held that Clarke had a case to answer in that it was his duty to explain to the Court his actions on that particular night, and that the case against the two Chinese constables depended entirely upon the first defendant.

At the resumption of yesterday's hearing, Mr. F. W. Shafstall, OBE, Senior Police Superintendent and Officer-in-Charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch, put to several police officials to give evidence.

Sub-Inspector E. S. Thompson told the Court that he was the Inspector on duty on Feb. 8 and at 11.30 p.m. Sub-Inspector Clarke brought in six beggars and Kwan Shing, who he wanted to be detained pending further inquiries. Kwan, St. Clarke told him, was arrested in Cleverly Street for acting in a suspicious manner when he was seen taken down the numbers of the police.

## "Fit And Proper"

He was seen smoking around while the police were taking down the license numbers of the stall holders who had objected against the law, witness was informed.

When asked Kwan had nothing

to say, and St. Thompson said he thought it was "fit and proper" to detain the man.

Within 15 minutes after the man was brought in, witness continued, Det. Sub-Inspector C. Johnston rang up and inquired whether a man had been brought in by St. Clarke. DSI Johnston did not give any reason for the inquiry.

From the Station Dairy, witness noted that on Feb. 7 at 10.10 a.m. a man from Cell 7 had been released and handed over to Inspector Dinkin. Cross-examined by Mr. Comber, St. Thompson said he did not hear any strikes or screams from anywhere. From his experience in the Central Charge Room, St. Thompson said, he could hear cries from the Finger Print Room should any escapee from there. He saw Kwan being taken into that room, and would estimate that he had been inside it for about 10 minutes, but he could not say definitely.

Sub-Inspector Lau Chak-chang said he was assistant inspector on duty that night and at about 12 a.m. Clarke approached him and told him that he wanted to see a man in Cell 6. He went with the European acting as interpreter. There, witness related, St. Clarke told the man that he (Clarke) had made a mistake and apologized to the man. Clarke told the man that DSI Johnston would release him soon. The man asked for an extra blanket, which Clarke gave him, and nodded assent when asked by Clarke whether he (Kwan) was satisfied. Witness said he did not know why Clarke apologized to the Chinese.

Sub-Inspector C. Johnston of the Anti-Corruption Department said that at 11 p.m. on Feb. 6 he received a telephone call and as a result he contacted Central Charge Room.

At 1.15 a.m. Clarke visited him in his quarters and told him that he (Clarke) was informed by the Inspector on duty at the Charge Room that he had queried about Kwan Shing. Clarke then explained the reason for arresting the man, and produced a visiting card which had No. 818 written on it and a note book with the name Lee Lap.

## Special Precaution

Inspector F. W. Simpson, Divisional Inspector of Central Division, said he took special precaution during the Chinese New Year festivals and assigned motor patrols to cover certain areas, with instructions not to trespass on other regions unless for serious crime or under special orders.

Cleverly Street was not in the allotted area, witness disclosed. The special assignment was issued by the Inspector on duty to sign their names below. Clarke's signature was not found on the order, and it was possible that he did not sign it, witness said. Normally the Radio patrol car covered Central District. The personnel were not supposed to deal with hawkers or food stall holders nor to pick up beggars, witness said under cross-examination. No order was issued regarding hawkers or beggars that night. Witness, however, agreed that it would be the duty of the police to arrest suspicious characters, but that would be "purely discretionary."

Inspector W. N. Darkin said on instructions from Mr. F. W. Shafstall, OBE, Senior Supt. of Police and Officer-in-Charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch he went to release Kwan and took him to the A.C. Office. He had never seen the man before, witness concluded.

Mr. A.S.C. Comber, representing Clarke, submitted that his client had no case to answer and that the prosecution had failed to make out a case on the charge of false imprisonment.

Recounting the case briefly, Mr. Comber observed that Insp. Simpson had informed the Court that it was the first instance that written instructions were issued with regard to the radio patrol car at that time of the year.

Insp. Simpson said that it was customary that every Inspector should read the orders and sign to acknowledge noting them. Clarke did not sign and it was apparent that he did not notice the instructions. The prosecution had thus failed to prove that the orders ever came to the notice of Clarke.

Counsel submitted that the complainant's action that night was "highly suspicious." When challenged, Kwan turned and walked away, whereupon he was arrested and brought to Clarke. Kwan only said that he took down the numbers of the constables on instructions of a "man with glasses."

## Bribe Attempts

It has been a habit of Chinese stall holders here to attempt to bribe the police personnel in various ways especially at the approach of the Chinese New Year festivals. Mr. Comber pointed out. He submitted therefore it was highly suspicious to see a man writing down the numbers of the constables.

Counsel then referred to some sections of the Police Force Ordinance on the privilege of the police to arrest any person on suspicion and to deliver him to the Station.

Counsel submitted that the present arrest came within Section 20, whereby it was lawful for any police officer to stop and search, and if necessary arrest any person in the street and detain him for further inquiries on suspicion. Another factor which heightened the suspicion was a card issued by the Chinese Police which permitted the bearer to carry arms.

Counsel noted that Lee Lap of the Anti-Corruption Branch had said that Kwan acted under his instructions. Lee was there when Kwan was arrested and under the circumstances one would have thought that the proper course for him would have been to approach the first defendant and identify himself and therefore explain the circumstances.

Kwan had told the Court a "most extraordinary" tale of third degree and physical tortures of the most extreme kind while in the Finger Print Room, Counsel declared. Yet he did not complain to the I.O.D. when brought before the Inspector.

The medical report produced by the prosecution stated that Kwan had a recent bruising in the front chest and that there was a right shoulder. Kwan could have pointed out the spot where he had suffered from the defendant, and it was not known whether that was done. Mr. Comber stated that Kwan's tale of tortures was a tissue of lies from beginning to end.

Inspector Thompson, the I.O.D. at that time, did not hear any noise from the Finger Print Room, witness said. Counsel submitted whether it was reasonable to suppose a man who had been trampled on, his fingers crushed by a pencil twice between them and scorched by a cigarette would not cry out in pain.

The interpreter called in to give evidence did not complain after the Inspector on duty that Kwan was assaulted as alleged. It was significant, counsel thought, that the interpreter well knowing his duty would report immediately had any assault taken place.

Counsel submitted that the arrest made by his client was lawful under Section 20 of the Police Force Ord., 1932, that the detention for further investigation was proper under the same section, that complainant's very manner when taken to the station consolidated that belief, and that the Inspector on duty had considered that detention was "fit and proper."

## "No Evidence"

Counsel requested the Magistrate to say on behalf of the defendant that the prosecution had failed to make out a case for him to answer.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, representing second defendant, associated himself with Mr. Comber's submissions, declaring that there was "not a tittle of evidence" that his client had in any way falsely imprisoned Kwan in this case.

From the evidence adduced by the prosecution, his client was under the command of the first defendant and as such performed his duties. Mr. Remedios reviewed the case briefly observing that there was

no medical evidence to indicate any marks to support the alleged assault. Complainant's evidence could not be believed he contended. Kwan had a purpose, because he had a grudge against some police personnel who had previously scattered and broken up his stall. There was not one iota of evidence to show that his client had falsely imprisoned his complainant, counsel submitted, and emphasized that his client had no case to answer.

Contending that his man had acted on instructions from Clarke, Mr. Alfred Hon, third defendant's counsel, submitted that in itself did not constitute false imprisonment. Unless his client knew that what he did was wrong and that what his superior officer instructed to do was wrong and he obeyed, then the third defendant would be guilty.

There was no evidence that his client knew the instructions given were unlawful, counsel pointed out. He observed that the evidence of the mistress of the rice shop, was very much in favour of his client. She had informed the Court that the third defendant did not at any time lay his hands on Kwan.

Sub-Inspector Clarke, in the witness box for his defence, told the Court that he was in the Royal Navy for 14 years and joined the Police Force on June 26, 1946. On Feb. 6 he was on duty between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. and did not know of any written instructions. The duties on that particular night were irregular.

There were six constables with him in the car, and the normal instructions for the patrol car were to give particular attention to serious crime, especially at that time of the year.

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The exemption of all estates below \$5,000 from estate duty is proposed in an amendment to the Estate Duty Ordinance, to be introduced in Legislative Council to-morrow.

In the objects and reasons it is explained that by virtue of section 1 of the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1932, (as amended) estate duty on the property passing on the death of persons dying on or after 1st April, 1941, is payable on estates of \$500 and upwards at the graduated rates mentioned in the Fourth Schedule to the Ordinance.

Although estates of under \$5,000 at present constitute over 40% of the estates paying duty, the revenue obtained therefrom is very small and is disproportionate to the work involved in collecting it. Modern policy in the United Kingdom and elsewhere is to exempt smaller estates from the payment of

estate duty. The object of the Bill is so to amend the principal Ordinance so as to exempt from payment of estate duty, property passing on death having a value of under \$5,000 in cases where death occurred on or after the 1st of April, 1948.

The new schedule is as follows:

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## Questioned Again

In the Finger Print Room, Clarke continued, he questioned Kwan again, but could not get the required answers.

Asked whether he assaulted the man, Clarke told the Court that he "merely shook him by the shoulder."

Defendant denied emphatically the alleged "torture" and "third degree."

He asserted that the man was never on the floor at any time.

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# Truman Denies Red Overtures

Washington, May 9. President Truman has denied rumours of Russian overtures to end the "cold war" or that Premier Josef Stalin wanted to meet him in some neutral European spot, Senator Millard Tydings revealed today.

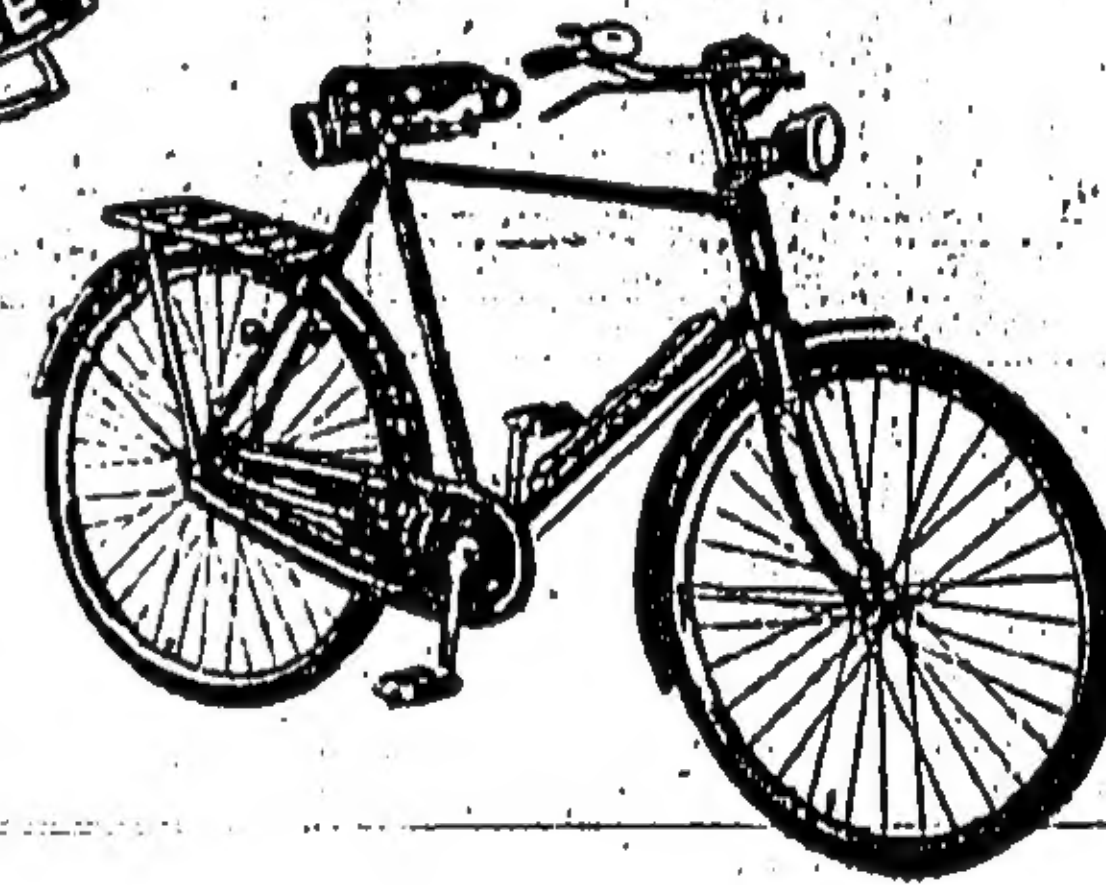
Senator Tydings said in a radio speech that he asked the chief executive about the reports and "the President answered me categorically with no."

Most of the rumours have been circulated in European capitals. They have become more persistent, even though the President has stated again and again that he is always ready to meet Stalin but that such a meeting must take place in Washington.—United Press.

## U.S. EXPORT RISE

Washington, May 10. United States exports ended a four months down trend in March. March exports were worth US\$1,141,000,000, US\$54,500,000 more than February.

Imports jumped US\$84,200,000 to US\$600,200,000, the highest for any month in history. US\$932,000,000 of exports were in the commercial class requiring payment in cash, although some of the cash was borrowed from the United States.—Associated Press.



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# LABOUR PARTY SHOWDOWN

Domestic Crisis. Expected At Scarborough

## Soviet Study Of India

Moscow, May 9.  
The Soviet academician, Alexei Baranikov, has completed a book devoted to the history of Soviet studies of India.

He told the Soviet news agency, Tass, in an interview that Soviet students of India are at work in the history, economics and literature of the country, and are compiling dictionaries of the main Indian languages—Urdu, Hindi, Bengali and Marathi.

They have carried out extensive work on Hindu philology. They have published surveys of the history of various Indian literatures and the most popular Indian literary works have been translated into Russian.

The Soviet academician Scherbatsky wrote a fundamental monograph on the philosophy and logic of Buddhism. "My translation of the famous medieval epic Ramayana will soon be published," M. Baranikov told Tass. "The first book of the Mahabharata had also translated and several students had made a collective translation of the politico-economic treatise called Arthashastra."—Reuter.

## END OF WORLD!

Melbourne, May 9.  
Cardinal Francis Spellman, Archbishop of New York, said today that the next war would "end the world itself." Addressing laymen at their dinner to celebrate the Centenary of the Diocese, he declared: "Followers of Christ are being persecuted because they refuse to do the bidding of anti-Christian nations and anti-Christian men."—Reuter.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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TWO CRISSES IN A HAND  
Except on "bluffs"—hands, with which you automatically take in the tricks, you will usually find that there is some one particular critical stage at which correct action gives your objective for you. On other deals there will be two or more crises, each of which must be handled correctly. One may be a simple matter of sound technique, whereas the other may be a most complex tactical and may require several tricks to develop after the opportunity heaves in to sight.

S. 8 4 3  
H. K 10  
D. A J 6 3 2  
C. K 10 7  
S. Q 9 6  
H. Q 9 3 2  
D. 10 9 8  
C. 8  
S. J 10  
H. A 7 6 5  
D. Q 4  
C. J 9 5 4  
S. A K 7 5 2  
H. J 8 4  
D. K 5  
C. A 6 2

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)  
South West North East  
1 S Pass 1 NT Pass  
2 S Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT

North's diamond suit was masked in just that way at two tables of a duplicate, the lead in each case being the same card from East, the club 4 Dummy played low in each case and West the Q Crisis No 1 was at

hand. The man who was set took this with the K. The declarer took two high spades and led a third to West, who promptly returned his last club. Declarer let the J hold that trick, then took the 3 with the A. Only eight tricks were at hand—four spades, two clubs and two diamonds—so he tried the diamond finesse. When that J lost to the Q, East set him two with club tricks and the heart A.

The other declarer let the club Q have the opener and took the second with his club K. After two top spades, he gave a third to West, who had no more clubs, so returned the heart 2 to the 10 in A. The club A was then knocked out, whereupon North noted the next crisis, a chance to seek a top score by a squeeze. He cashed one set-up spade and the heart K, then led the diamond J, the Q drawing the K. That pretty inversion of the strength was followed by the last spade, which squeezed West. Seeing the heart J in dummy, he had to hold his Q, so discarded from his diamond 10-9. Then the diamond 5 lead to the A felled West's last diamond and made the 6 good, giving North his eleventh trick for a big top.

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# Snowball Effect Of 40 Children Found Strangled

London, May 9.  
Labour leaders, worried at the effect of Socialist Parliamentary discipline on the Government's authority, are preparing for a record "showdown" when the Party's annual conference opens at Scarborough on May 17.

Party members, disturbed by the snowball effect of recent group incidents such as the Nenni telegram and the defiance of the veto on members attending the Hague United Europe Conference, predict clashes involving challenges with the Executive, criticism of Ministers, and possibly a censure vote.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the National Chairman of the Labour Party, himself under fire for publicly criticising the Government's handling of nationalisation, may be the central figure of a big clash.

The atmosphere may build up to a Labour domestic crisis in the intervening 10 days. Parliament will debate on Thursday a Conservative motion demanding an all-party committee to investigate allegations that names may have been added to the list of signatories to the Nenni telegram without the permission of their owners.

The Government, however, will resist any serious attempt to make political capital by taking the Labour Party hands, and, unless there is a defection among its own supporters, will prevent this happening.

But the telegram issue will not be fully ventilated until the Party Conference probes it from every angle.

## A Purge

Transcending in importance these recent sectional squabbles is the party anxiety to purge its own extreme elements and to

discourage loyal supporters from identifying with them—in Britain and elsewhere.

Any Executive measure taken with that object in view are, therefore, certain to be supported by the hard core of Labour loyalists. A move to censure the Executive will certainly provoke counter-moves re-expressing confidence in the leaders.—Reuter.

## Exercise Red Lion

Singapore, May 9.  
Four Lincoln bombers, part of a force of nine planes which left England last month to test how complete Royal Air Force reinforcement units could be flown quickly to the Far East, arrived here today.

The force flying in "Exercise Red Lion," consisted of three Transport Command Yorks, which left Gainsborough on April 22 with an advance party of ground crews and six Lincoln bombers, which left on April 28. In command was Squadron Leader A. K. Passmore. The bombers reached Ceylon on May 1, where they spent a week carrying out exercises, and left today on the last lap, which included a "mock bombing raid on an island off Penang."

While here, the bombers will carry out further exercises over Malaya.—Reuter.

## A NEW FORM OF PENICILLIN

Washington, May 9.  
Wyeth, Inc. today announced a new form of penicillin named wycillin which can be injected without painful effects. They said the new drug will permit of more widespread use in fighting pneumonia, venereal diseases and other bacterial maladies.

It can be dissolved in water, eliminating the necessity of wax or oil solutions.—United Press.

## RADIO

2.30 p.m.—Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.15 p.m., and also on 952 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.30, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.15 p.m.

12.15 p.m.—Religious Talk to Children (Studio)

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Music for Romance. Rec. Leopold & His Players & Jack Cooper (H.B.C.T.S.)

1.02 p.m.—Pulse.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Songs and Music from Foreign Lands.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Hanson. Episode 10: "Diggers Camp" Read by Captain Flint (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—Ding and Bob Crosby.

7.00 p.m.—"See Tee" on Sport (Studio)

7.10 p.m.—Piano Recital by Eileen Joyce.

7.30 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Allen Woods (Studio)

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Music at Dusk by Val Gilead. Produced by Philip Burn for the Hong Kong Stage Club.

8.40 p.m.—New Concert Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Summer Concert—Great Master J. S. Bach.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—"Triumph of Neptune" Ballet—London Philharmonic Orchestra

10.30 p.m.—Hit Tunes from the latest Walt Disney production "Fun and Fancy Free"

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

## Exercise Red Lion

American liaison officers photographed the corpses of 40 children, believed to have been strangled, found near the top of Mount Ghion, in Central Greece, by Greek troops operating against the guerrillas, the Greek General Staff announced today.

The bodies of 20 old men, most of whom seemed to have died of cold, were also found.

Medical experts have been sent to examine the bodies.

The Greek General Staff also announced that 22 guerrillas were killed, 18 captured and 14 surrendered in a large-scale operation by Greek forces, supported by aircraft, against the guerrillas in the Grevena area of Western Macedonia.

Greek Government losses were given as two officers and four other ranks killed and eight wounded. Fighting was continuing.

Guerrillas in the Mount Agrafa region of Thessaly were reported to have lost 12 killed and 16 men and women captured. Government losses were given as seven killed, 20 captured and 27 surrendered.

Guerrilla artillery was said to have shelled two villages in Eastern Macedonia.—Reuter.

## Greek Executions

Athens, May 9.  
The acting Greek Minister of Justice, M. Constantin Rendis, said today that in all 2,691 persons had been found guilty by courts of murder during the 1944 revolt or earlier.

About 500 of them had their appeals dismissed and petitions for mercy rejected.

During the term of office of the former Minister of Justice, the assassinated M. Ladas, 157 had been executed while 300 others awaited execution.

The executions were suspended over Easter and since then 61 had been carried out.

Foreign press criticisms of the executions, he declared, "might encourage the guerrillas to commit terrorist crimes."—Reuter.

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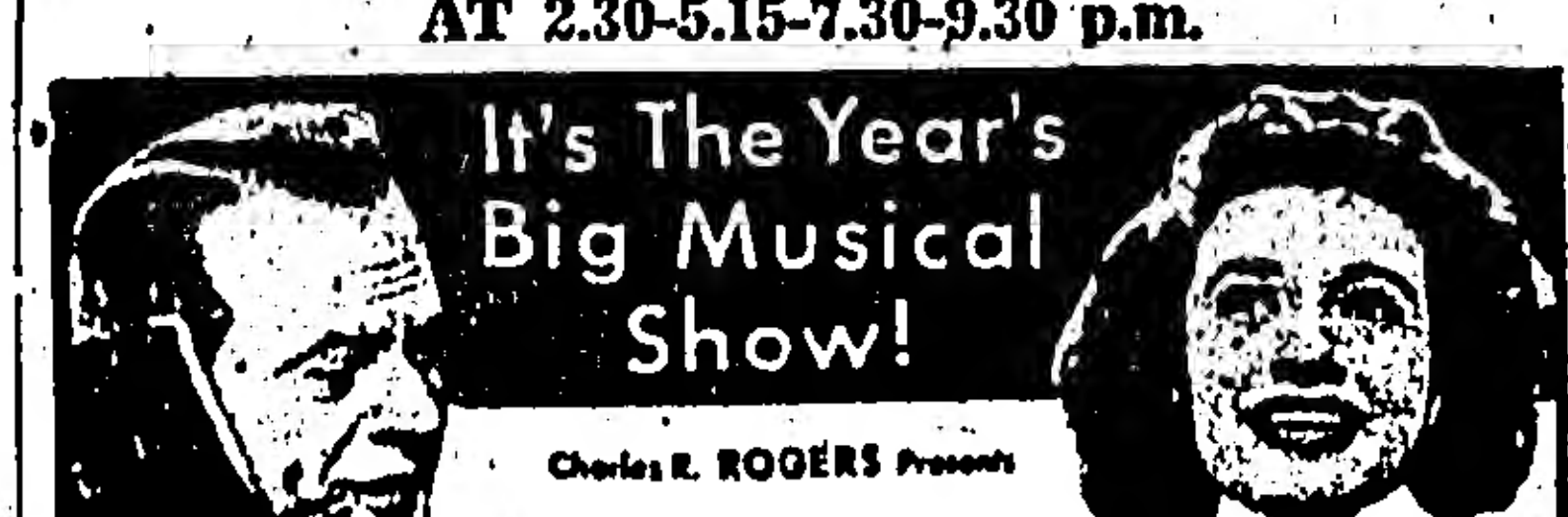
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hopes, that the Liberals would join him.

I invited me to become a member of the War Cabinet. I agreed to his proposal without comment, and on this basis we had a long talk on men and measures.

After some reflection, I felt that the average age of the Ministers who were to form the supreme executive of war direction would be thought too high, and I wrote to Mr. Chamberlain after midnight accordingly:

Aren't we a very old team? I made out that the six you mentioned to me yesterday aggregate 388 years or an average of over 64. Only one year short of the Old Age Pension!

If the Daily Herald is right that Labour will not come in, we shall certainly have to face a constant stream of criticism, as well as the many disappointments and surprises of which war largely consists. Therefore it seems to me all the more important to have the Liberal Opposition firmly incorporated in our ranks. Eden's influence with the section of Conservatives who are associated with him, as well as with moderate Liberal elements, also seems to me to be a very necessary reinforcement.

The Poles have now been under heavy attack for 30 hours, and I am much concerned to hear that there is talk in Paris of a further Note. I trust you will be able to announce our Joint Declaration of War at latest when Parliament meets this afternoon.

The Bremen will soon be out of the interception zone unless the Admiralty take special measures and the signal is given to-day. This is only a minor point, but it may well be vexatious.

I was surprised to hear nothing from Mr. Chamberlain during the whole of Sept. 2, which was a day of intense crisis. I thought it probable that a last-minute effort was being made to preserve peace; and this proved true. However, when Parliament met in the afternoon, a short but very fierce debate occurred, in which the Prime Minister's temporising statement was ill-received by the House.

When Mr. Greenwood rose to speak on behalf of the Labour Opposition, Mr. Amery from the Conservative benches cried out to him, "Speak for England." This was received with loud cheers. There was no doubt that the temper of the House was for war. I even deemed it more resolute and united than in the similar scene on Aug. 2, 1914, in which I had also taken part.

In the evening a number of gentlemen of importance in all parties called upon me at my flat opposite the Westminster Cathedral, and all expressed deep anxiety lest we should fail in our obligations to Poland. The House was to meet again at noon the next day. I wrote that night as follows to the Prime Minister:

I have not heard anything from you since our talks on Friday, when I understood that I was to serve as your colleague, and when you told me that this would be announced speedily. I really do not know what has happened during the course of this agitated day; though it seems to me that entirely different ideas have been expressed to me when you said "the die was cast."

I quite realise that in contact with this tremendous European situation changes of method

may become necessary, but I feel entitled to ask you to let me know how we stand, both publicly and privately, before the debate opens at noon.

It seems to me that if the Labour party and, as I gather, the Liberal party, are estranged, it will be difficult to form an effective War Government on the limited basis you mentioned. I consider that a further effort should be made to bring in the Liberals, and in addition that the composition and scope of the War Cabinet you discussed with me requires review.

There was a feeling to-night in the House that injury had been done to the spirit of na-

tionality by the apparent weakening of our resolve to do not intervene in the difficulties you have with the French; but I trust that we shall now take our decision independently, and thus give our French friends any lead that may be necessary.

In order to do this we shall need the strongest and most integral combination that can be formed. I therefore ask that there should be no announcement of the composition of the War Cabinet until we have had a further talk.

As I wrote to you yesterday morning, I hold myself entirely at your disposal with every desire to aid you in your task. I learnt later that a British ultimatum had been given to Germany at 9.30 p.m. on Sept. 1, and that this had been followed by a second and final ultimatum at 9 a.m. on Sept. 2. The early broadcast of the 3rd announced that the Prime Minister would speak on the radio at 11.15 a.m.

As it now seemed certain that war would be immediately declared by Great Britain and also by France, I prepared a short speech which I thought would be becoming to the solemn and awful moment in our lives and history.

The Prime Minister's broadcast informed us that we were already at war, and he had scarcely ceased speaking when a strange prolonged wailing noise, afterwards to become familiar, broke upon the ear. My wife came into the room, braced by the crisis, and commented favourably upon German promptitude and precision, and we went up to the flat-top of the house to see what was going on.

Around us on every side, in the clear, cool September light, rose the roofs and spires of London. Above them were already slowly rising 30 or 40 cylindrical balloons.

We gave the Government a good mark for this evident sign of preparation, and as the quarter of an hour's notice which we had been led to expect we should receive was now running out, we made our way to the shelter assigned to us, armed with a bottle of brandy and other appropriate medical comforts.

Our shelter was a hundred yards down the street and consisted merely of an open basement, not even sand-bagged, in which the tenants of half-a-dozen flats were already assembled.

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It is easier to give directions than advice, and more agreeable to have the right to act, even in a limited sphere, than the privilege to talk at large. Had the Prime Minister in the first instance given me the choice between the War Cabinet and the Admiralty, I should of course have chosen the Admiralty. Now I was to have both.

Nothing had been said about when I should formally receive my Office from the King, and in fact I did not kiss hands till the fifth. But the opening hours of war may be vital with navies. I therefore sent word to the Admiralty that I would take charge forthwith and arrive at six o'clock. On this the Board were kind enough to signal to the Fleet, "Winston is back."

So it was that I came again to the room I had quitted in pain and sorrow almost exactly a quarter of a century before, when Lord Fisher's resignation had led to my removal from my post as First Lord and ruined irrevocably, as it proved, the important conception of forcing the Dardanelles.

A few feet behind me, as I sat in my old chair, was the wooden map-case I had had fixed in 1911, and inside it still remained the chart of the North Sea on which each day, in order to focus attention on the supreme objective, I had made the Naval Intelligence Branch record the movements and dispositions of the German High Seas Fleet. Since 1911—much more than a quarter of a century had passed, and still mortal peril threatened us at the hands of the same nation.

Coco again, defence of the rights of a weak State, outraged and invaded by unprovoked aggression, forced us to draw the sword. Once again we must fight for life and honour against all the might and fury of the valiant, disciplined and ruthless German race. Once again so be it.

Presently the First Sea Lord came to see me. I had known Dudley Pound slightly in my previous tenure of the Admiralty as one of Lord Fisher's trusted staff officers. I had strongly condemned in Parliament the dispositions of the Mediterranean Fleet which he commanded it in 1939, at the moment of the Italian descent upon Albania.

Now we met as colleagues upon whose intimate relations and fundamental agreement the smooth working of the vast Admiralty machine would depend. We eyed each other amicably but doubtfully. But from the earliest days our friendship and mutual confidence grew and ripened. I measured and respected the great professional and personal qualities of Adm. Pound.

As the war, with all its shifts and fortunes, beat upon us with slanging blows, we became ever truer comrades and friends. And when, four years later, he died at the moment of the general victory over Italy, I mourned with a personal pang for all the Navy and the nation had lost.

I spent a good part of the night of the 3rd meeting the Sea Lords and Heads of the various Departments, and from the morning of the 4th I laid my hands upon the naval affairs. As in 1914, precautionary measures against surprise had been taken in advance of general mobilisation.

As early as June 15 large numbers of officers and men of the Reserve had been called upon for exercises, had been inspected by the King on Aug. 9, and on the 22nd various additional classes of reservists had been summoned.

On the 24th an Emergency Powers Defence Bill was passed, through Parliament, and at the same time the Fleet was ordered to its war stations; in fact our main forces had been at Scapa Flow for some weeks.

After the general mobilisation of the Fleet had been authorised the Admiralty war plan had unfolded smoothly, and in spite of certain serious deficiencies, notably in cruisers and anti-submarine vessels, the challenge, as in 1914, found the Fleet equal to the immense tasks before it.

(To Be Continued)

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## French Policy In The Ruhr

Toulouse, May 9.  
The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, today vigorously denied that French delegates attending the London Conference on the future of Germany had given way to British and American views.

Speaking at the annual Congress of the Popular Republican Party here, he declared: "As regards the control of the Ruhr and the establishment of a Federal Constitution for Germany, the French Government remains faithful to its doctrine."

"We shall not follow a policy of 'all or nothing' but we shall not accept any solution which the French Government and the nation consider insufficient."

M. Bidault spoke in the presence of visiting delegates of the Christian, Socialist, Democratic

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**DEATH**  
XAVIER.—On May 1, 1948 at his residence, 741 Rue Ratard, Shanghai, Fernando Ovidio Da Rocha Xavier, aged 39 years, dearly-beloved husband of Mrs. Cecile Xavier and father of Trixie and Rudy.

## U.S. POLICY IN CHINA

Since the period immediately after the war, when American transport was used to enable the Chinese Government troops to move up to North China and forestall the Communists in taking over from the Japanese, there has been a natural reluctance in the United States to intervene in the Chinese civil war. Intervention in a foreign country must be for someone as well as against someone, and few Americans have recently been able to see in China any authority to which the support of American power could be given with a clear conscience. The correct moral position for Americans is to sustain a democracy against domestic dictatorship or foreign aggression. But in China no real political democracy exists to be endangered; the struggle has been hitherto between two brands of revolutionary "tutelage," and the elections recently held to establish the democratic legitimacy of the present regime were not, even on the most generous interpretation, very convincing.

In the absence of any fair means of measuring relative popular support for the rival parties in China, General Chiang Kai-shek's Government might still have gained—or rather retained—general moral support in the United States, if it had shown itself, since the defeat of Japan, an active promoter of social and administrative reform. But shocking manifestations of inefficiency and corruption, particularly the post-war reign of carpet-baggers in Shanghai and Formosa—and the malversations of Unrui goods by high officials, have alienated many American observers who cannot be suspected of inclination towards Communism. Indeed, they have been disposed to think well of any deluge which might cleanse the Augean stables. The Communists by contrast have won good reports for the honesty of their administration and the personal austerity of their leaders—for the Chinese Communists, who need to bid for the genuine support of the masses, are still in the stage of apostolic poverty. Moreover, their short-term programme of agrarian reform and toleration for private enterprise in industry has seemed harmless enough to foreign business men and liberal politicians, who have even been converted in some cases to the belief that Chinese Communists are a distinct species.

Were it not for the question of China's foreign policy, there can be no doubt that American tactics would be to let events in China take their course and recognise whatever power emerged from the struggle. Chinese Communism, however, shows fundamentally the same gravitation towards the Soviet Union as "Communism" elsewhere. The full orthodoxy of their party line was demonstrated between 1939 and 1941, when they faithfully reproduced Soviet propaganda of the Molotov-Ribbentrop honeymoon and denounced the Anglo-French "imperialist war" for it. There cannot be any reasonable doubt that Communist victory in China would mean its alignment in the Soviet bloc, with the same campaign against all Western influences, political, cultural

or economic, that has been going on in the countries of the Russian zone in Europe. From recognition of this probability, American official circles have now drawn the inference that active measures must be taken to prevent the overthrow of what remains internationally the legal Government of China.

The appointment of Mr. Roger Lapham to head the mission to China has been hailed as an excellent choice, but to apply the Truman Doctrine to China will it is certain prove an infinitely more difficult task than applying it in Greece, where the Americans have already met trouble in plenty. It will certainly be necessary to supplement financial aid with an agency similar to AMAG in Greece, with a wide range of supervision over the national economy as well as over the finance, training and administration of the Government's military forces. It will not be easy to staff such a mission, for the United States possesses few individuals with the special qualities required for persuading Chinese to do what they would not otherwise be doing. But, even if good working relations could be established, and even if it proved possible to strengthen the Chinese Government's rule in part of China, the suppression of so vast a revolt must be an immensely long and costly undertaking. China is about seventy times the size of Greece, and its division may persist for years. Washington may have to choose—it may indeed already be thinking in such terms—between more, and less important or defensible areas.

At present there is no clear-cut front in China; Nanking still has forces in southern Manchuria, while Communist formations are scattered over North China down to the Yangtze. Unless Nanking can show better success than it has met so far in its Manchurian campaign, American advice may be strongly in favour of cutting the Manchurian commitment and concentrating on suppression of the Communists in North China. Such a partition was implied in the deal over Manchuria which President Roosevelt made at Yalta; its significance was to place Manchuria like Poland, within the Soviet sphere. Even if Nanking were to gain complete military victory in Manchuria, the consequences of Yalta could not be undone, for Russia has now a treaty right to Port Arthur and the trunk railways. Moreover, it is hard to imagine that Russia would watch an American-directed military campaign up to the Amur without a reaction which might bring the world very close to a major war. Manchuria is Chinese and cannot be permanently separated from China, but a Communist "Manchukuo" may be a temporary pis aller to be accepted in this two-world period. If the political health of mankind is restored such schemes can be remedied; if it deteriorates further, China, with American naval supremacy in the Pacific, would still be better off strategically than in 1937.

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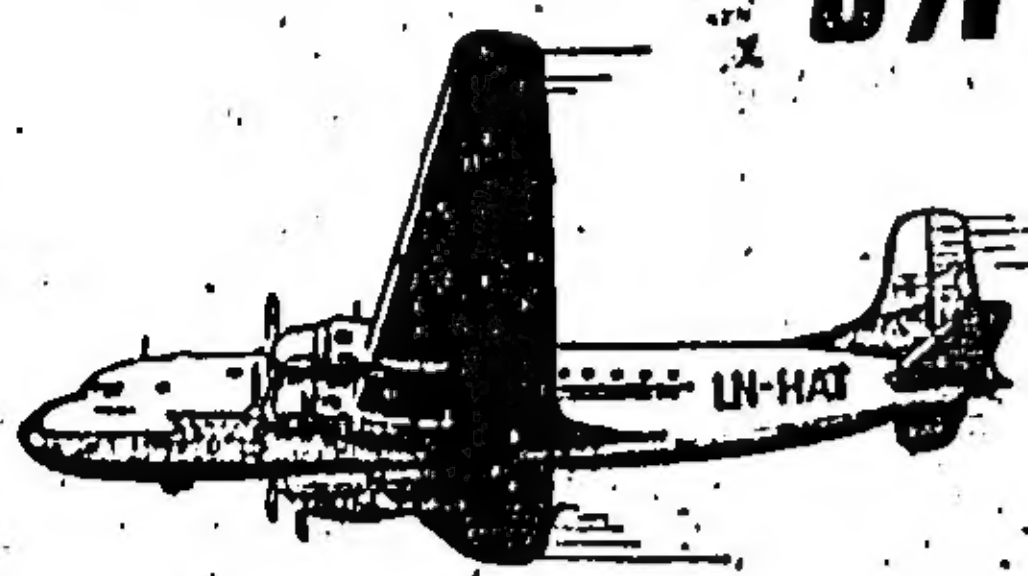
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## UNITED EUROPE RALLY "Shoulder To Shoulder...To Face The Future"

### Mr. Churchill's Stirring Appeal

Amsterdam, May 9.

Crowds thronged the Dam Square here and massed on the roofs as Mr. Winston Churchill arrived to speak at the United Europe Rally held in front of the Royal Palace today.

Mr. Churchill, drove up with Mr. Anthony Eden. Before the speeches commenced, a mass choir sang a song of welcome and later, accompanied by a police band, played a new song: "Europe Unite" composed by an Amsterdam musician, Louis Noirat, for the occasion.

The gathering had a strong religious flavour with Dutch Protestants and Catholic speakers. The delegates stood with the crowd when a hymn was sung between speeches.

When Mr. Churchill compared the two extremes of totalitarianism to the North and South Poles, with more penguins at one and more polar bears at the other, but equally uncomfortable there came a big spontaneous laughter from the crowd, many of whom appeared to understand English.

They applauded when Mr. Churchill said: "The kind of life and laws and liberty which you and we on the other side of the Channel have established ought not to be crushed or flattened out by any form of totalitarian tyranny, either the hated Nazi domination that we have cast out or by any other form of similar despotism."

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Churchill was invited by Father Henri de Greeve, a Dutch Catholic broadcaster, to give his famous "V Sign," "this time not for the winning of an armed war, but for winning the peace."

#### United Europe

Mr. Churchill complied amid thunderous applause.

After the ceremonies, Mr. Churchill returned by car to The Hague where he was to attend a dinner at the British Embassy for Conference delegates and Dutch notabilities.

Mr. Churchill, repeating his call for a United Europe, told the cheering crowd that Britain and Holland, "who share the same way of life, should move forward together, hand in hand and, if need be, shoulder to shoulder, to face the problems of the future."

The sunlit Dam Square was flag-decked. Mr. Churchill continued: "Any alliance which the British and Dutch, and any other free Governments, may make between themselves is not directed against any particular country or people, but only against the powers of evil, wherever they may be, and wherever they may be."

"We have come here from so many lands, speaking so many languages, to take a step forward together, in harmony with the policy of our freely elected

Governments, towards reviving the old glories of Europe and to help this famous continent, the parent or guardian of so many great ideas and great states beyond the ocean, to resume its place as an independent and self-supporting member of a world organization."

#### A New Europe

"This Europe we wish to see arise, not to be safe from eruption from abroad. A Europe united, but where people will be proud to say 'I am a European'—where they will be members of the European community rather than of their own country and still owe allegiance to both of them."

"Here also," Mr. Churchill said, "we find ourselves in harmony with the great republic of the United States, whose heritage to mankind in this period of tension and strain commands our gratitude and also commands our true cooperation."

"As a part of the world organization, we hope that there will soon be formed a Council of Europe, which will comprise the Governments and peoples of as many European states as hold our convictions and accept the broad freedoms of democratic life as established by the freely expressed will of the people."

"This is the Europe which we wish to see arise in so great a strength as to be safe from internal disruption or foreign inroad."

Mr. Churchill concluded: "We hope to see a Europe where men of every country think as much of being a European as belonging to their own land. And that without losing any of their love and loyalty for their home and birthplace."

#### "Hurry Slowly"

The Congress has chosen by a large majority to "hurry slowly" and not call for the election of a European Parliament by universal suffrage before the end of this year. This temperance of speed was urged by Mr. Harold Macmillan, a British Conservative Member of Parliament and one of the British delegates. The Congress will pass a political resolution asking the Parliaments of member nations to nominate representatives to a European Assembly to plan for the eventual economic and political union of Europe.

## Naval Exercises In North Sea

London, May 9.

The British Navy is holding its largest exercises since 1939 on May 13 and 14 in the North Sea off the coast of Norway.

The Foreign Office, aware of unconfirmed reports of pressure on the Scandinavian countries by Russia, denied emphatically that there was any ulterior motive in the naval exercises at this time and in the North Sea.

The Admiralty affirmed that the manoeuvres are being held in the North Sea "because it is the logical place to hold them."

Whatever the reason, the Admiralty is collecting "a naval force" for the exercises. Taking part will be two battleships, *Anton and Howe*, both of which were completed in 1942. Four destroyers, the *23,000-ton* *Invincible*, which was completed in 1944 and which can carry more than 60 aircraft, one cruiser, the *Tiger* class, cruiser *Superb* of 8,000 tons, which was completed in 1943, 11 destroyers, including the *Agincourt* of 1,710 tons, four frigates and 10 submarines.

About 85 naval aircraft will take part in the exercises. Drawn from eight naval air squadrons, they will include rocket-carrying *Fireflies*, naval reconnaissance *Lightnings*, *Firebrands*, torpedo-carrying *Albatrosses*, *Seafires* and *Sea King* fighters.

The Royal Air Force will send about 50 heavy bombers, including *Lincolns* and *Canberras*, and a *Whitley* Commando will provide "torpedo" twin-engined

### May Break Off Relations

Cairo, May 9.  
The Arab League is considering a recommendation to member states that they break diplomatic relations with any country recognizing the Jewish State, it was reported today.—United Press.

The decision was the result of an all-day session of the Political Committee yesterday, which lasted from 9.00 a.m. until 3.00 a.m. local time, with interruptions only for meals.

Last night's session quickly resolved itself into a clash between those who believe Europe takes a lively interest in European union only if the peoples of Europe are themselves invited to elect a European Assembly, and those who preferred to aim at a nominated Constituent Assembly as more likely to be realized in practice.

An advocate of what was variously described as "shock treatment" and "revolutionary tactics" was M. Paul Reynaud, a former Premier of France, whose resolution calling for a universally elected Assembly produced a debate in which the speeches for both sides at times reached a high level of eloquence.

His opponents came from two main camps. In the British delegation, Mr. R. W. G. Mackay (Labour) and Mr. Harold Macmillan (Conservative) joined forces to urge the Congress to adopt a resolution which could be put before the Parliaments of Europe with a reasonable chance of success.

#### Irresponsible

The Union of European Federalists, Chairman, Dr. Henri Brugmans of Holland, opposed M. Reynaud's amendments, while welcoming its note of urgency, and swung the vote decisively against the motion.

M. Brugmans said that the resolution as proposed by the Committee was more likely to lead to an all-European Assembly. Mr. Mackay attacked M. Reynaud's proposal as "foolish" and likely to make the Hague Congress "the laughing stock of the world."

He said M. Reynaud was irresponsible, adding that the resolution stood no chance whatever of obtaining the assent of Parliament in Britain, or in the other countries represented.

M. Reynaud retorted that he believed the principle of an elected rather than a nominated Assembly vital.

"If the people of Europe are offered only an Assembly of Deputies elected by other Deputies, there will be a wave of disappointment," M. Reynaud said, "but if they are called upon to elect a new Assembly to unite Europe, there will be an upsurge of hope and enthusiasm."

The Reynaud amendment was decisively supported by M. Pierre Bourdieu, France's young Minister of Information. In spite of the vigour of the debate, the final vote was something of an anticlimax. Only a handful of delegates raised their hands in favour of the Reynaud motion.—Reuter.

## Special Powers For Chiang

Nanking, May 10.

The National Government last night officially promulgated "temporary constitutional provisions" granting President Chiang Kai-shek emergency powers for the duration of the Communist suppression campaign.

The provisions, which were approved by the National Assembly on April 18, in an almost unanimous vote, stipulate:

- (1) That during the present period of national crisis the President may, without previous consent of the Legislative Yuan, take emergency measures to avert imminent danger to the security of the state or the people, or to cope with serious financial or economic situations, provided such measures have been approved by the Executive Yuan.
- (2) That the Legislative Yuan may modify or abrogate such measures.
- (3) That the President may, on his own initiative, or at the request of the Legislative Yuan, declare termination of the national crisis.—Reuter.

## Shanghai Fracas

Shanghai, May 10.

Nine were injured when 200 soldiers clashed with police and gendarmes at the Tien Shan theatre here while Mei Lan-fang, China's foremost female impersonator, staged "The Drunken Princess."

The dispute began over the seating of the soldiers and after 13 of the latter were arrested by gendarmes, 44 of their colleagues turned up some hours later with iron bars and clubs and stormed the theatre's booking office, smashing windows and furniture.

Information from the Garrison Headquarters disclosed that severe punishment will be meted out to the soldiers responsible for the incident.—Reuter.

## China's Cabinet

Shanghai, May 10.

President Chiang Kai-shek is expected to submit Cabinet appointments, including nomination for the Premiership, almost immediately after his inauguration on May 20, to the Legislative Yuan, which must approve them, according to special Chinese despatches from Nanking.

Reports add that all indications point to Chang Chun, present Premier, as likely to continue in the same post. General Ho Ying-chin, former Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, was considered a possibility for the Premiership at one time, but Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is said to have decided against Ho's appointment, "because" it would put three military men in three of the highest Government posts—himself, Vice President Li Tsung-jen and Ho Ying-chin.—Reuter.

## U.S. Socialist Resolutions

Reading, Pennsylv., May 9.

The Socialist Party national convention today passed a resolution that the United States must continue economic aid to free nations if Russia rejects plans to democratise the United Nations.

The convention urged the United States to "proceed to the formation of close effective organization of all nations that recognise the wisdom of this programme."

The delegates, who nominated Norman Thomas as presidential candidate, also went on record as favouring the elimination of the big power veto in the United Nations, opposing peacetime conscription and advocating universal disarmament.—United Press.

## Inflation Threat In Japan

Tokyo, May 10.

Japan's price situation, which has shown little fluctuation since the beginning of the year, is again beginning to deteriorate following further note issue, according to reports in the Japanese press, quoting economic experts.

These reports say that the note issue exceeded 220,000 million yen at the end of last month.

They said that the currency expansion since the end of the war was due to the payment of increased wages to Government workers, a temporary fall in tax collection, and the Government's settlement of outstanding accounts.—Reuter.

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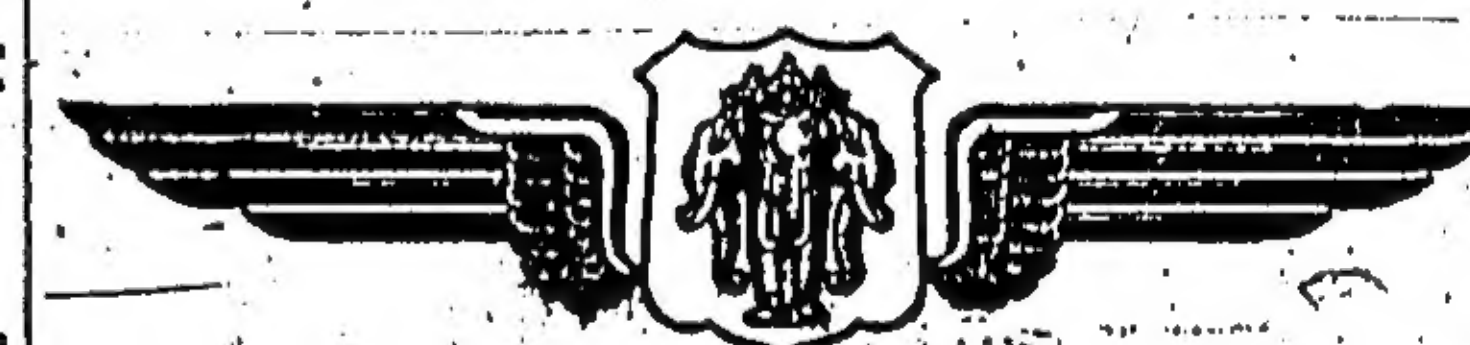
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# Woman Today

## FASHIONS OF 1880 IN LONDON

VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

Gives this picture of the new London models, many of them harking back to the "Naughty Nineties" and Renoir paintings.

Evening clothes in the London collections owe a great deal to the closing years of the 19th century. This may be due to the fact that designers look back with nostalgia to the 1880's when life seemed to have few problems—if you had enough money—and magnificence in women's dress was a source of immense pleasure to themselves and their husbands, and great profit to their dressmakers.

But whatever the cause, it is easy to trace the origin of the wide-skirted dresses with their bodices closely moulded from bust to below the hips, and the massed ruching which trim both the décolletage and the skirt, which Norman Hartnell shows in his collection. Even his panned dresses owe something to the same influence, as do the Victor Stiebel fish-wife skirts draped up to add width to the hips and importance to the figure.

The lovely ladies of the famous painter Renoir—and even Toulouse-Lautrec's luscious models—were such evening fashions with nonchalance because they were very little different in silhouette from the clothes they wore by day, stays and all. But it remains to be seen whether the modern woman will be as successful. She will need either subjection to this form of contraction or steady exercise if she wants to wear these new fashions with chic.

### With A Vengeance

Even the full-skirted, ankle-length ballerina dresses, now seen in every collection, demand the same discipline, for their snugly fitting bodices are seamed in much the same way as were the clothes of 1880, and even, in some cases, boned as they were.

And already the arguments are beginning that tight-lacing, with the pressure applied to the waist-line only, is not only not injurious but positively beneficial.

No one denies, of course, that these ankle-length dresses are becoming, I remember, two notable models—one by Michael

Sherard in black crepe over a stiffened petticoat of orchid coloured tulle which dropped below the hemline of the skirt. The second was a dress by Norman Hartnell which was similar, except that the bertha was more

of a cape and the low waist-line more accented. It is interesting to note that in these two types of dress, the limit for the age-line is sharply drawn. The elegant woman of 35 can wear her

ballerina dress with chic; but the woman of 40 must drop her skirt-length, although she can add a little exaggeration in the form of trimming or jewellery.

Hair-styles and slippers must change with skirt lengths. The "Renoir" styles and shoulder-length hair look more than ridiculous together; in fact, even with the ballerina dress long hair seems out of the picture—to tell the truth, it is out-of-date anyway.

For all the 1919 clothes, hair must be worn high, accenting the curve of the jaw and the line of the neck.

Shoes, too, need straps if worn with the ballerina line, or for longer dresses, they must be elegant pumps, high-heeled and slim.

## Accessory News from Britain

On view at the recently opened permanent export showroom of International Business Services London, is the Gala Travel Bag, displayed by The Gala of London Ltd. This bag contains a complete make-up kit with foundation, non-spill powder, lipstick (with space for a square) manicure, facial cream and tonic. Other equipment includes comb, stand-up mirror, and a leather fold for tissues.

This particular exhibit demonstrates the firm's policy of colour in make-up and introduces an extensive new range of powder and lipstick shades which enable women of every complexion, whether blonde, brunette, red-head or medium, to wear with success any fashionable colour. The firm also offers tinted foundations to match every complexion, shades of rouge to tone with lipstick shades, and a smatching nail varnish to team up with lips and nails.

### Corridge-Bolt

All the Gala products are packed in beautiful and distinctive cartons striped in gold and white, while the lipstick cartons have a pictorial symbol typifying each colour—which in turn overcomes translation difficulties for the export market. The Gala Corridge-Bolt (made by Paris House Ltd., who provided accessories for Princess Elizabeth's going-away outfit) is fitted with miniature lipsticks in all shades, and can be ordered in any colour shade.

### Artistic Licence

Visitors to London will find plenty of souvenirs to carry home but women will probably prefer the new scarves which have been designed by a famous firm of silk manufacturers. These Jacquard squares of silk are printed with famous London landmarks sketched diagonally across a plain coloured square. The tourist may, perhaps, object that the sight of Tower Bridge and the Tower in close juxtaposition with the Mansion House, St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey and Eros, not to mention two or three more well-known buildings can hardly be regarded as good topography, but few women are likely to worry about that. The scarf, which is produced in seven shades, teal, blush (a shade of rose), panna violet, Jacquemarine (a shade of blue), brown, navy and apple green, has a border formed by a repeat of the word "London" in old English type.

Draw an embroidery design on the material with a good black lead pencil. Press with a hot iron, and the design will not rub out so easily. If there are any mistakes in the design, they should be removed with an ordinary eraser before ironing.

For a plump cocktail stick, stuff three-inch stalks of crisp, tender celery with white cream cheese to which diced shrimps and salad dressing have been added. Chill until serving time.

### Evening Choker



A new high in jewelled collars to dramatize a low after-dark neckline is shown by Irene Dunne, starring in the R.K.O. Radio version of "I Remember Mama." An important revival for daytime wear as well, it's a choker of three closely strung coloured strands, the centre one outlasting the other two.

### Trend And Trials

Also she must know fashion trends, for her dress, to be acceptable, must recognize fashion details set by the fashion arbiters—the custom-made designers of Paris and New York.

The designer, then, is the cornerstone of the apparel industry. She has to help solve technical problems.

Recently in one American factory, a flared skirt trimmed with rows of rickrack braid to form a pattern, when done by usual sewing methods, was found to cost almost two-thirds of the selling price of the garment. Without the rickrack the dress would look uninteresting, dull. The engineer had to find a way to apply the rickrack without sacrificing the anticipated profit on the garment.

This is not an isolated instance, but it shows how engineering studies serve in the manufacture of dresses.

### No Waste Here

It is this "engineering" department which decides how a pattern shall be laid on the cloth to utilize every scrap of fabric and to cut without waste.

In home-sewing the little scrap of fabric is only a piece for the scrap bag, but in a modern factory it may be the difference between an operation at a profit and an operation at a loss.

To be considered, too, is the fact that the sewing and finishing of garments is today highly skilled, but no more so than the pressing.

The presser in a factory has the responsibility of seeing that the basic lines of the garment are not lost in this final operation.

With so many synthetic fabrics on the market, the presser must know how fabrics behave under heat and must learn to give right line and shape to a garment.

Instruction on handling, ways of washing and cleaning, are attached to nearly all garments before they are shipped, to the stores.

In modern apparel production, all these steps are preliminary to modern selling, and merchandising—Ladies are used to certain repeat demand for garments that have a record of good performance.

Like the bright label on a can of soup, this label—and the mer-

## "Before-Taking" Of Dress-Making

From The Christian Science Monitor

If women were to see how a modern dress factory operated, they would be astonished at the technical skills employed, and at all the work necessary to produce frocks that enable them to be well-dressed even on a small budget.

The engineering skill that is required to turn out an automobile—or a plane—or a Diesel engine—or the minute parts of a radio, are common knowledge. But if one asserts that the same engineering skill is required to turn out the many items of apparel which are used to clothe women today, a glance of skepticism is usually the answer.

The dress manufacturing industry everywhere has grown up in the past quarter century and although in the mind of the average consumer, it is still an unskilled operation of the basic skills employed by the village dressmaker, the opposite is true.

First, there is the designing skill required. To plan a dress that will be sold by the thousands requires an experienced designer who knows her art. She must achieve smart and becoming lines not for one woman, but for thousands, each one of whom has her own special figure problems.

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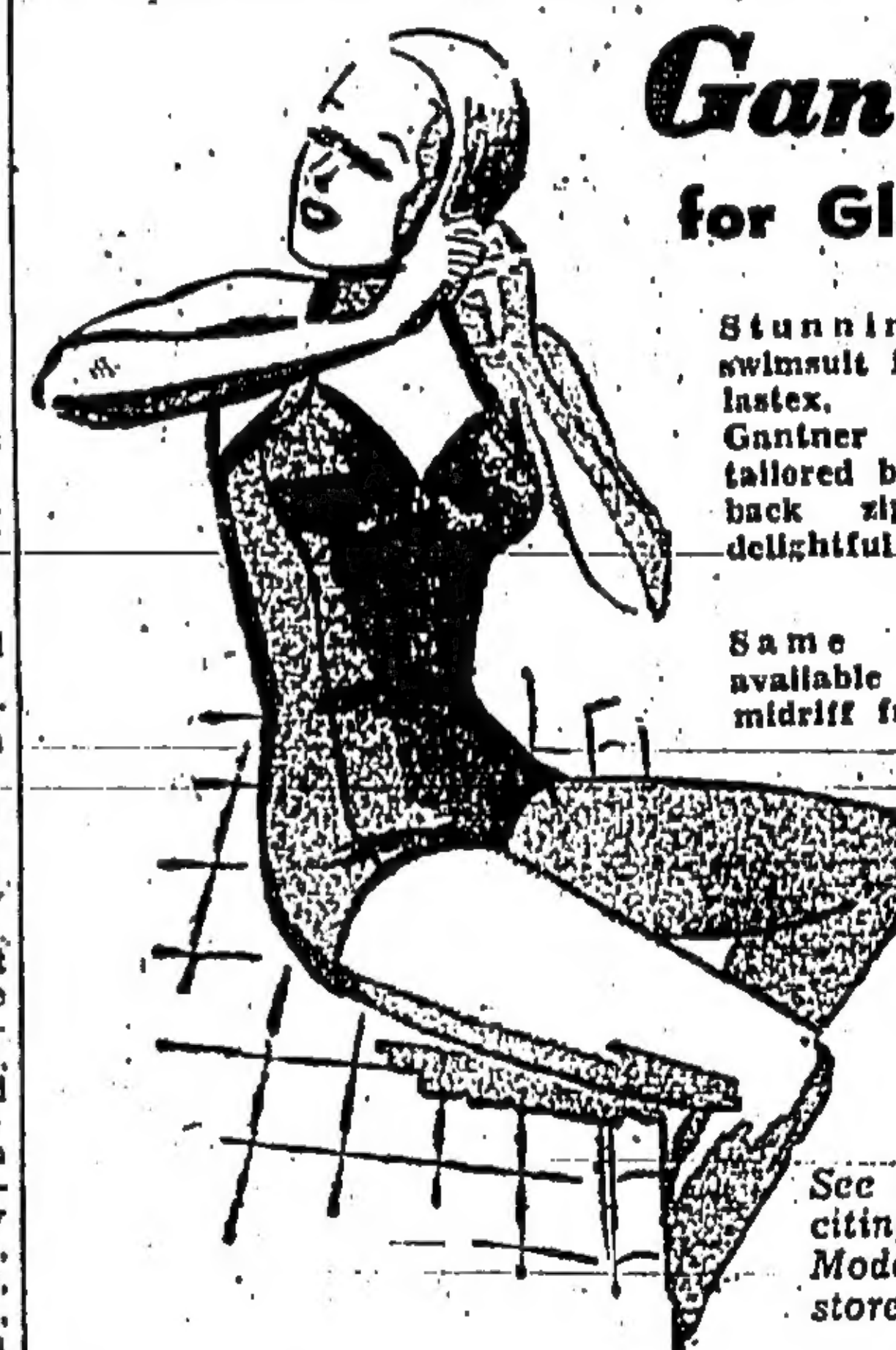
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## UNCONTROLLED BICYCLES IN KOWLOON

(By JAMES ASHWIN)

Day by day in Kowloon, the number of pedal cyclists is increasing while in far too many cases they are ridden by people who are too small, to control them properly.

The majority of pedal cyclists are comparatively young and are often venturesome and casual in their attitude to road safety.

## Alleged Pirates Remanded

When the cases in which Ling Cheuk-wah (40), Keung Kin-chung (40), Ling Ching-chai (40), Ling Ching-chai (40), and Ching Chung-nan (40) were charged with the piracy on board the s/s "Van Heutz" on Dec. 14 last, and Lai Sang-yun (37) boatmaster, Fung Yau-ching (44) and Lai Kwai-fun (36), boatmen, were charged with unlawful imprisonment of Chan Kuet-cheung (one of the hostages) for six hours on April 12, were called before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, it was decided that both will be heard together when committal proceedings against the men commence.

Applying for another 72 hours' remand in custody, Det. Inspector Franklin stated that second defendant, Keung Kin-chung, would be legally represented.

## Commended By Police

Mr. Pinna was commended by the Police, and thanked by the Magistrate, at the conclusion of the case in which Chan Ming (26) was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with the theft of motor-car tools on May 8.

At 2.50 p.m. that day, said Inspector J. Orem, Mr. Pinna saw defendant closing the luggage container of car No. 7046, owned by Mr. S. Lazzari, parked outside 20 Humphrey's Building. This suspicion aroused, Mr. Pinna followed accused down Carnarvon Road and in Nathan Road, caught hold of him and handed him to PC 257. Searched, the bag was found to contain a set of motor-car tools which defendant admitted having stolen from the car.

With a previous conviction for larceny of motor-car fittings, accused was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

## HEROIN DIVAN FINE

Cheng Sze, 54-year-old female, was fined a total of \$2,000 (or 15 months' hard labour) when she was convicted by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on three charges in respect to a heroin divan at 58 Woosung Street, second floor, which was raided by Det. Sub-Inspector E.G. Baker on April 30.

## LARCENY OF TOOTHPASTE

With four previous convictions for larceny, Fong Wai (40) was sentenced by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment when he pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of two tubes of dental cream.

Defendant, said Inspector J. Orem, stole the tubes from the counter of a shop at 387 Shanghai Street at 8.45 p.m. on May 8. He was seen, and arrested, by the mistress, Ho Ho.

## POLICE TRAINEE REMANDED

An Yeung-hang, 27-year-old trainee of the Police Training School, Kowloon, was remanded by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of unlawful possession of two pairs of khaki drill shorts, the property of the Hong Kong Government.

## Caught In Sisters' Quarters

At 11.45 p.m. on May 7, Li Wah (25), unemployed, was found by Wa King-wah, constable employed at the Sisters' Quarters, Kowloon Hospital, inside the quarters.

Unable to account for his presence there, he was taken to Kowloon City Police Station where he stated that he went there to beg for food. He was charged with being found on enclosed premises, and searched preparatory to being put in cells. A fountain-pen was found in his possession. He then admitted that he stole the pen from the kitchen a few minutes before his arrest.

When defendant pleaded guilty, Inspector J. Orem informed Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday that accused had three previous convictions. He was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and recommended for deportation.

## Court Case Was "Sheer Waste Of Time"

"Don't you use the Criminal Courts for personal quarrels," Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr warned Chan Chi-ching, 28-year-old spinster, who appeared as complainant against Li Pit-shan (47), unemployed, charged at Kowloon yesterday with the larceny of a suitcase containing 23 pieces of clothing.

After the girl had given evidence, the Magistrate acquitted defendant, and told the prosecuting officer that the case should never have been brought before the Court. "It is a sheer waste of time," said Mr. Blair-Kerr.

According to Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, complainant and defendant were friends and when the girl came down from Canton on April 29 she went to live at Li's flat at 15 Lion Rock Road, ground floor.

On the night of May 6 she was assaulted by defendant and left the premises, leaving all her clothing, contained in a suitcase, behind.

Six later got in touch with defendant's son, employed as a pharmacist at the Kowloon Hospital, in an attempt to get back the suitcase, but without any results.

Sent for by the Kowloon City Police, after the girl had made a report at 4 p.m. on May 7, Li claimed that he gave the complainant the clothes and that he was entitled to keep them when she left him. She was, he said, his kept woman. The matter was referred to the S.C.A. who referred it back to the Police.

Defendant, said SI Howarth, told the S.C.A. that he was prepared to marry the girl but that she refused him. She, however, admitted intimacy with him at the Nam Lo Hotel sometime last month.

The property was recovered at 70 Tai Nam Street, second floor, occupied by defendant's friend. "It appears to be a question of six of one and half a dozen of the other," concluded the prosecuting officer.

After complainant had given evidence, on the lines of the Crown's opening, the Magistrate acquitted accused.

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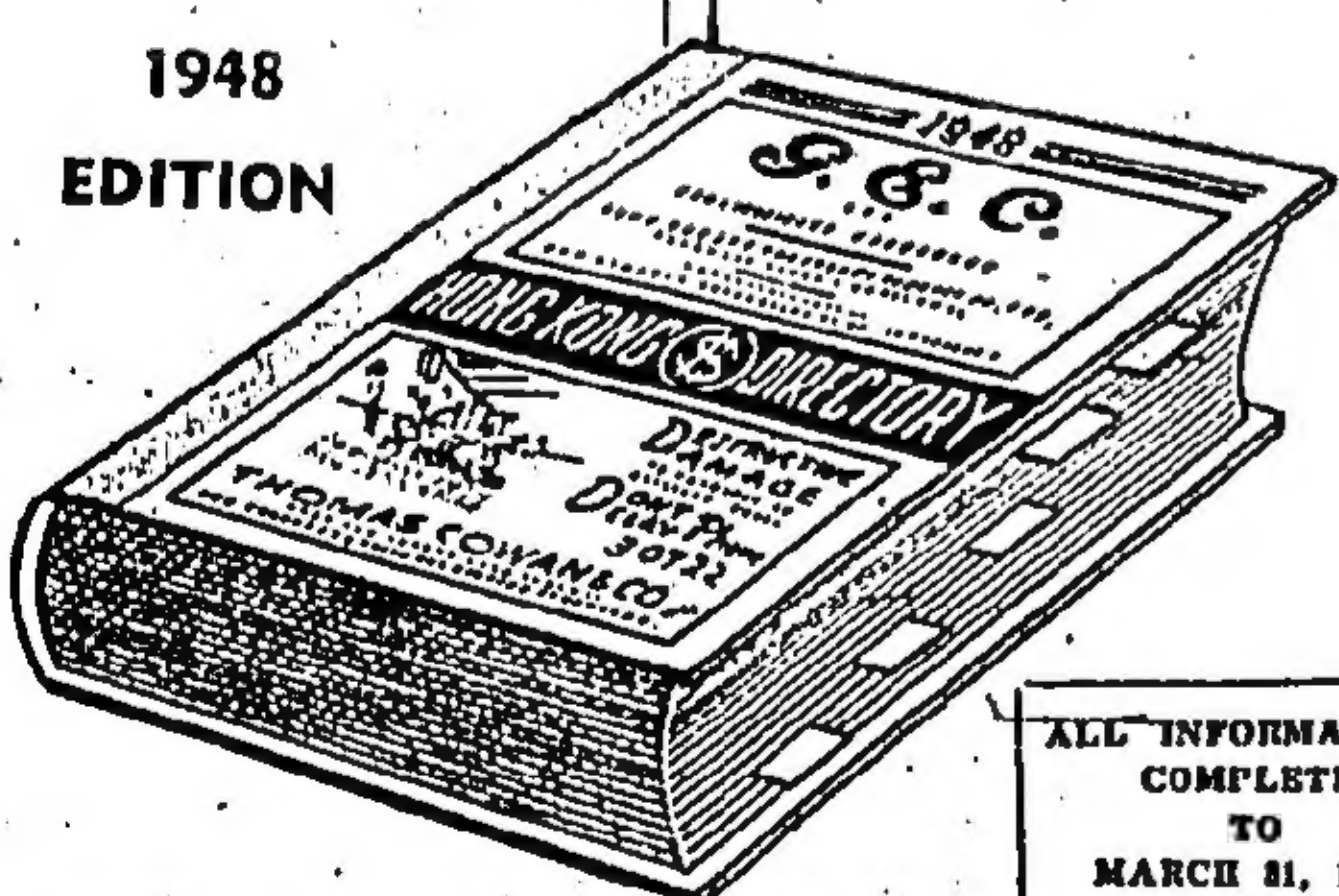


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Relaxation Of Immigration Laws Anticipated  
Congress Debates  
Pending.

Washington, May 9.

The United States Congress will finally come to grips  
this week with the problem of entry into the  
country of Europe's displaced persons.This week the Senate starts to debate a bill to allow  
in 50,000 refugees a year for two years. A  
similar, but more generous measure, is pending  
in the House of Representatives.While the opposition is still  
active, Congressional experts  
believe that before Congress re-  
cesses, some sort of compromise  
will be approved and American  
immigration laws relaxed. Lobb-  
yists consider the Senate figure  
thoroughly inadequate, when  
camps already hold 850,000 re-  
fugees.Fifty per cent of the Senate's  
100,000 visas must go to people  
from "countries annexed by a  
foreign power." This would ap-  
ply only to Latvians, Estonians  
and Lithuanians, and is regarded  
as unfair to other nationalities who  
have suffered at least as much.  
The other 50 per cent must be  
agriculturalists, which dis-  
criminate against skilled, pro-  
fessional and technical workers.  
In addition, the Senate bill  
would only admit displaced per-  
sons who reach Germany, Italy  
or Austria between September 1,  
1939, and December 22, 1945.  
Zionist sources here insist that  
this would exclude many Jews  
who fled later from religious or  
political persecutions.

## No Limits

The House bill, already ap-  
proved by the House Judiciary  
Committee, and now awaiting a  
day for full debate, is consid-  
erably wider. It would allow  
100,000 refugees yearly for two  
years, and would not place such  
limits on the categories to be ad-  
mitted.The Quality Of  
Tolerance

Melbourne, May 9.

Sir Laurence Olivier, opening  
Empire Youth Week in Melbourne  
today, extolled the virtue of tol-  
erance within British Empire family  
life.Addressing 3,000 Victorian chil-  
dren, Olivier said, "You have a  
heritage of a wonderful quality—  
and that is tolerance. Tolerance  
means decency, understanding and  
fair play."Olivier said that many stern  
doctrines are being shot around  
the world but their authors for-  
got this family virtue. The  
family was the basis of sanity  
and decency and it must never  
perish, he added.—Associated  
Press.Trygve's Trust In  
United Nations

Prague, May 9.

The Secretary General of the United Nations,  
Trygve Lie, warned today that regional blocs  
could not prevent war.In a special article for the Communist newspaper,  
Rude Pravo, Lie said the United Nations repre-  
sent the "sole hope of holding the world together  
in this difficult postwar period," but it must  
continue to have a worldwide character if war is  
to be prevented.Lie said: "I believe that  
all that happened in the past  
three years proves the wisdom  
of those who founded and  
organized the United Nations  
as a worldwide organization of  
sovereign states. Regional  
federations and groups can and  
often are highly desirable but  
they do not solve the question  
of war."Lie said there is a tendency in  
the world today to blame the  
United Nations for the current  
war. "We are told," he said,  
that the United Nations are  
powerless, that they are crippled  
by the veto and they are mere-  
ly a debating club."This is dangerous talk and  
it is not true. Our present  
difficulties do not spring from  
the United Nations Charter nor  
from its instruments. The  
blame for our present diffi-  
culties must be laid where it  
belongs." He did not indicate  
where the fault lay.  
Lie said the veto power is the  
"sole expression of limitation in  
the Charter." However, this  
does not mean that the United  
Nations are powerless. There is  
no way by which any nation  
great or small, could unpunished  
commit a serious breach of the  
Charter as long as all other mem-  
bers observe it. As long as the  
United Nations exist, and function,  
no state can maintain for any  
length of time an attitude which  
cannot be defended before world  
public opinion.—United Press.

## 'Sacred Duty'

London, May 9.

Major-General Kotikov, Russian  
Commandant of Berlin, told a  
correspondent of the Army news-  
paper, Red Star, according to the  
Moscow Radio."The soldiers of the Red Army  
quartered outside the Soviet  
Union are ready at any moment  
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costs to fulfil the sacred duty of  
a soldier.""Being outside our home and  
yet in close contact with  
our people at home, and this  
inspires us to achieve further  
success in combat and political  
training."—Reuter.

Tokyo, May 10.

Kyushu Island was rocked last  
night by an earthquake of "severe  
intensity," Japanese press reports  
stated.  
There were no casualties.—  
Reuter.British  
Bid For  
Jap Treaty

Tokyo, May 10.

Political observers here are  
welcoming the recent British in-  
terest in opening a preliminary  
Japanese peace conference as an  
indication that it would revive  
the long delayed issue of conclud-  
ing a Japanese peace treaty.They said Japanese authorities  
had hitherto taken it for granted  
that a peace treaty would remain  
a "forgotten issue" for some  
time to come in view of the cur-  
rent international situation.British interest was interpreted  
here as a desire to normalise  
Japan's international relations  
and thereby prevent Japan from  
falling exclusively under Ameri-  
can influence.If a Japanese peace treaty is  
not concluded in the near future,  
there will be nothing to prevent  
the United States from carrying  
out her plan for Japan's re-  
habilitation without consulting  
the other allied powers, these ob-  
servers stated.The belief is expressed in Jap-  
anese circles here that Britain  
will make a concrete proposal for  
an early peace conference.—  
Reuter.Methodist  
Conference

Boston, May 9.

The Methodist Quadrennial  
General conference adjourned to-  
day after establishing a policy  
for 20,000,000 Methodists through-  
out the world.Concluding an 11-day con-  
ference the 758 delegates passed  
the following three-point res-  
olution:

- (1) a plan to President Truman  
to recall the Vatican Ambassa-  
dor and not appoint a successor;
- (2) a three-point programme to  
and racial discrimination within  
the Church;
- (3) opposition to the use of  
government funds for the sup-  
port of private schools.—United  
Press.

TOO SMART FOR  
GUERRILLAS

Manila, May 9.

Captured by rural guerrillas,  
Philippine Constabulary Pvt Sa-  
turnino Jaquez was taken to the  
top of a hill by three armed  
guards who announced that he  
was to be executed.The doomed man noticed one  
of his three captors yawning  
sleepily. He also noticed that  
the guard had a hand grenade  
fastened to his belt.When the guard yawned again,  
Baquez quietly pulled the firing  
pin out of the grenade, rolled  
down the hillside to escape the  
blast, and hiked back to his head-  
quarters to report today the death  
of three guerrillas.—United Press.

## JAP SCREENING

Tokyo, May 10.

The Japanese Government's  
Central Screening Committee will  
be dissolved today after having  
examined the qualifications of  
more than 900,000 for public  
office over a period of 18 months.  
Of those screened, approxi-  
mately 200,000 have been purged  
for their war-time and pre-war  
associations with the military  
and ultra-nationalistic organiza-  
tions.In future, the screening of  
candidates for public offices will  
be handled by the Cabinet's  
Secretariat.—Reuter.Blueprints For The  
New Karachi

Karachi, May 9.

Blueprints for a new metropolis of Karachi with a  
population of 2,000,000 and an area of nearly  
200 square miles are nearing completion and  
are scheduled to be ready for execution this  
summer.Sir Patrick Abercrombie, Brit-  
ish town-planner, has designed  
a city combining the present  
town of Karachi, the industrial  
trading estate, Drigh Road and  
Mauripur airfields, the Keam-  
ar Dock and the resort of  
Malir, including a network of  
roads and almost 70 miles of  
railroad connecting the outlying  
areas.The blueprint reserves land for  
the construction of a University  
and capital towns, while indus-  
trial zones for future development  
also are provided for. In addi-  
tion, allowance is made for the  
expansion of the Karachi port and  
there are schemes for reclaiming  
land from the sea. A consider-  
able area is reserved around  
Mauripur and Drigh Road to al-  
low for the development of the  
aircraft industry and expansion  
of the airports.  
Manora Island has been re-  
served for naval training schools,  
while Army headquarters will  
expand around Malir cantonment.  
Sandspit Island is to be devel-  
oped as a week-end holiday re-  
sort.  
The complete plan presumes the  
completion of the Lower Sindh  
Barrage, now under construction,  
prior to the city's expansion, since  
this would supply water to the  
city as well as maintain landscape  
gardens, parks and recreation  
grounds.—United Press.

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"TJISADANE" from Macassar, 25th May	to Javaports & Macassar, 9th June.

## ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"BOISSEVAIN" In Port	to South Africa, South America, via Manila & Straits 11th May
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America, South Africa, 17th May	to Shanghai 18th May, to South Africa, South America, 4th June
"TEGELBERG" from South Africa, South America, 10th June	to South Africa, South America, 29th June.

Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa, Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

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Arrivals	Sailings
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from Amoy & Swatow 20th May	to Straits & Belawan, Deli 21st May

## Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

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From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	22nd May	m.v. "BALI"
Los Angeles	12th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	17th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
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## Food Prices Rise In New York

Americans were preparing today for a nationwide strike—due to begin on Tuesday—which threatens to paralyze the country's entire rail system and slowly choke the lifelines of other industries and business.

Yesterday, engineers, firemen and switchmen's union leaders, rejected a renewed wage offer while railway officials told them the offer was final.

The strike's impact would be felt all over the United States. Millions of people in scores of industries would be without work and thousands of dollars' worth of produce may perish.

In the St. Louis-Missouri area alone, the Chamber of Commerce estimated that a strike would cause stoppages affecting between 200,000 and 350,000 workers.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars would be lost by business daily.

Some food prices in New York have already risen to a record high level and railroads have begun plans for the embargo of shipments of perishable goods, poultry and livestock.

Mayor William O'Dwyer, of New York, wired President Truman that perishable goods would be seriously affected if the rail embargo were not lifted.

From the principal cities came reports of emergency strike plans. Airlines across the country prepared to inaugurate extra flights and bus companies gathered together all available equipment to meet the expected heavy demands.

There appeared to be no danger of immediate food shortages but a long strike would empty the country's larder.

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## Rubber Growing Profits

A net working profit of \$440,502.84 for the year ending Sept. 30, 1947, was reported at the 22nd annual general meeting of the Shanghai Kedah Plantations Ltd. held at the board room of the secretaries, Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons Ltd., Marina House, yesterday.

The chairman, Mr. J.K. Brand, said the year under review had been an uneasy one for the rubber-growing industry, with wide fluctuations in price of rubber, the weather in many parts of Malaya exceptionally wet, and labour continued short of requirements. The results achieved must be considered very satisfactory.

The reports and accounts were adopted, and Mr. J. K. Brand was re-elected to the Board.

The appointment of Messrs. R. Gordon and L. B. Howell to the Board was also confirmed.

Present at the meeting were Mr. J. K. Brand (chairman), Messrs. R. Gordon and L. B. Howell (Directors), Mr. C. J. Smith (representing the Secretaries) and Messrs. Horace Kadoorie and S. R. Owen (shareholders representing 67,150 shares).

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